

3 (Sem-3) FEN (Voc)

2012

FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH

(Vocational)

(Effective English Communication—I)

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. In the paragraph below, Rani talks about some of her habits. Fill the gaps in the paragraph with appropriate prepositions :

1×5=5

I listen — music — home, and I often go out — concerts and clubs. I go — bed late and sleep a lot — the weekend.

2. The texts in (a), (b) and (c) are parts of the morning activities of Mahesh and Sunita. What have they done? What are they doing? Put the verbs in brackets in the right tense :

1×10=10

(a) It's 8:00 in the morning, and Mahesh and Sunita are at home. Mahesh — (have) a

shower, and Sunita — (wash) her hair. They — (get) dressed, and now they're having their breakfast.

(b) It's 9:00. They — (have) breakfast, and they — (clean) their teeth. They — (leave) the house, and they — (walk) down the road.

(c) It's 9:30. Mahesh — (buy) a paper, and he — (read) it in a café. Sunita — (go) to the hairdresser.

3. Five people talk about public transport. Choose two expressions from the box below that go best with each remark : $2 \times 5 = 10$

(a) They always come on time, but the seats are very hard, especially on a long journey.

(b) I can never find a seat, especially in the mornings, and they stop at every little station on the way.

(c) They don't cost very much, but people say they have a lot of accidents.

(d) The tickets cost a lot, but they have lovely big, soft seats.

(e) Sometimes they come and sometimes they don't; so very few people use them.

comfortable; uncomfortable; cheap; expensive; fast; slow; safe; dangerous; empty; crowded; reliable; unreliable

4. Fill in the gaps in the following story with 'a', 'an', 'some' or 'any' : 1×5=5

I was on a train in Germany, and I saw — man with — large packet of flour standing by — open window. As I watched, he took — flour and threw it out of the window.

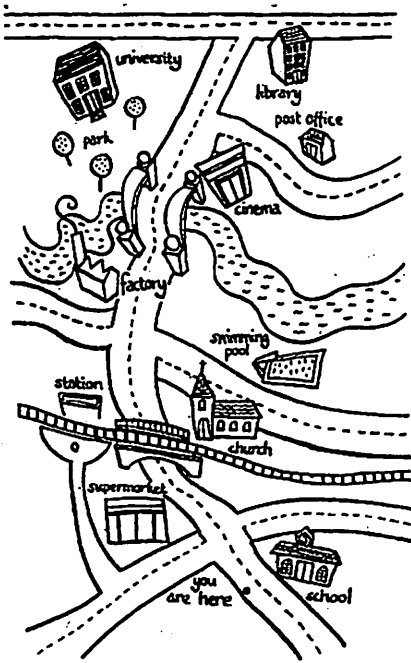
"Why are you doing that?" I asked.

"To keep the elephants away," he replied.

"But there aren't — elephants in Germany," I said.

"You see," he said, "it works!"

5. Look at the picture below. Imagine that you are standing right opposite the school. You want Bob to help you get to two places— (a) the university, and (b) the swimming pool.



Turn left (at ...)
right
Go straight on.
Go over ...
past
You'll see it
It's on the left.
right.

Complete the conversations between you and Bob using expressions from the box :

$$2\frac{1}{2} + 2\frac{1}{2} = 5$$

(a) You : Excuse me. How do I get to the university?

Bob :

(b) You : Excuse me. Can you tell me the way to the swimming pool?

Bob :

6. Read what the boy says about his family in *Column—A*. Choose adjectives to describe each person from *Column—B* : $1 \times 10 = 10$

Column—A

Column—B

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| (a) My elder sister always smiles and says hello when someone comes to our house. | (i) Bad-tempered |
| (b) My aunt doesn't like giving away money. | (ii) Forgetful |
| (c) My father gets angry quite easily. | (iii) Friendly |
| (d) My brother is afraid to meet new people. | (iv) Generous |
| (e) My mother stays late at night. | (v) Hard-working |
| (f) My grandfather always tells the truth. | (vi) Honest |
| (g) My brother doesn't do much work. | (vii) Lazy |
| (h) My uncle enjoys giving people presents. | (viii) Mean |
| (i) My grandmother never remembers where she's put things. | (ix) Selfish |
| (j) My little sister is only interested in herself. | (x) Shy |

7. Answer any *one* from the following [either (a) or (b)] :

(a) Read the advertisement given below and answer the questions that follow :

Receptionist/General Assistant for a 3-star hotel in a popular tourist resort

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age. They should be friendly and outgoing, and have at least one year's experience. Excellent salary.

Please send your application with a photograph and CV to—

Alan Chambers
White Rocks Hotel, Barbados
Tel : 0534 199388

Questions :

- (i) What do you think a Receptionist/General Assistant has to do? 2
- (ii) What sort of person is the hotel owner looking for? 3

(7)

Following is a letter in response to the advertisement above. Read the letter and answer the questions that follow :

Brighton
England
14th April

Dear Mr. Chambers,

I am writing to apply for the job of Receptionist/General Assistant. I am 23 years old. I left school at 18 and studied for one year at Pitman's Secretarial College, where I got a Diploma. I worked as a Secretary in London for four years, including four months as a receptionist for a large company.

At the moment I am working as a receptionist at the Sands Hotel, Brighton. I have been there for the past six months. I would like to work as a receptionist in your hotel, because I enjoy hotel work and I would like the experience of working abroad. I enclose a photograph and my curriculum vitae, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Penny Wright
(Penny Wright)

Questions :

(iii) How much experience does Penny Wright have—

(1) of office work;

(2) of work as a receptionist;

(3) of hotel work?

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(iv) Where is she now? What is her job?

1+1=2

(v) Why does she want to leave her job?

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(vi) Do you think she is suitable for the job?

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(b) The first part of a story is given below :

When I was 20, I had nothing nice to wear. I had a lot of clothes, but they were all very old, and I didn't have enough money to buy a new dress.

Other eight parts of the story are given below not in sequential order :

So, I got some big plastic bags, and filled them up with old clothes. But I didn't throw them away—I took them into town and gave them to a charity shop in the High Street.

The day after the wedding I looked in my cupboard and I thought, "I never wear a lot of these old clothes. It's time to throw some of them away."

So after lunch I went round to her flat, and I borrowed a lovely, very expensive, purple dress, and some purple shoes and a purple handbag to match.

So I went back to the charity shop, asked them about the dress. "Oh yes, I remember it," the woman said. "But it's gone. We sold it yesterday afternoon."

The wedding was great. I wore the purple dress, and everyone said how nice I looked. I danced all evening and we all had a wonderful time.

But I couldn't find the dress. I looked all over my flat, but it simply wasn't there. And suddenly I thought "Oh, no! I've given it to the charity shop!"

A week before the wedding, I met my cousin for lunch, and I told her I had nothing to wear. And she said, "Don't worry. You're about my size. You can borrow one of my dresses."

Later that week, I found my cousin's purple shoes and handbag under the bed, and I thought, "Oh, yes! I must take her dress to the cleaners and give it back to her."

- (i) Now write the story by arranging the eight parts in proper order. 8
- (ii) Whose dress did the woman borrow? Why did she borrow it? $2+2=4$
- (iii) What do you think will happen next? 3

8. Answer any *two* from the following :

- (a) Given below are some facts about India. Join the ideas in brackets () to the main sentence using a relative clause : $2 \times 5 = 10$
- (i) Mumbai is one of India's main sea-ports. (It's on the west coast.)
- (ii) Jawaharlal Nehru died in 1964. (He was the first Prime Minister of India.)
- (iii) Delhi has a population of about 11 million. (It's the capital of India.)
- (iv) 200 km from the capital Delhi is the town of Agra. (The Taj Mahal was built there in 1653.)
- (v) India has been independent since 1947. (It was once a British colony.)

(b) Punctuate the following sentences :

(i) I really enjoyed the party the food was delicious there was lots of good music and I met some very interesting people 4

(ii) I don't like my flat-mate much she never cleans the flat and she plays loud music all the time also she has some very strange friends 6

(c) A person talks about his experience of going to a restaurant. What's wrong with the following story? Rewrite it using words from the list below : 10

A new restaurant opened in town last week, so I went to the restaurant to see what the restaurant was like. A waitress came to my table and gave me a menu, but the waitress wasn't very friendly. I ordered chicken and chips. Half an hour later, the waitress brought the food. The food wasn't very good. The chicken was tough, and the chicken had a rather strange taste. The chips were cold and greasy. I couldn't eat the chips at all. I called the waitress and asked the waitress to bring me the bill. The bill came to Rs 400. I asked to see the manager. I told the manager that I thought Rs 400 was too much for such a

bad meal. I gave the manager Rs 100 and then walked out of the restaurant, I'll never go to the restaurant again.

her; there; it; he; him; their; they; them

- (d) Manav has just returned from a week-long business trip to a city. He tells his friends about the place. Read what he says about it and fill the gaps with 'so', 'as', 'because', 'but' or 'although' : $1 \times 10 = 10$
- (i) It's a very beautiful place, — it's always full of tourists in summer.
 - (ii) — it's a very beautiful town to look at, there isn't much to do there.
 - (iii) — there aren't any good restaurants, there are plenty of cheap cafes.
 - (iv) It has a seaport. — it's a large seaport, it's full of people from all over the world.
 - (v) There's a large cinema, — they don't show very interesting films. — I didn't go there.
 - (vi) The river's very polluted — it's not a good idea to swim in it, — there's a very good swimming pool.
 - (vii) — the town has five factories, the air is very polluted, — it's a very unhealthy place to live.
